

applicable, date of sale, sales price, and type of financing. The SOC program provides widely used measures of construction activity, including the economic indicators Housing Starts, Housing Completions, and New Home Sales. We plan to request a three year extension of the expiration date with no changes to forms SOC-QI/SF.1 and SOC-QI/MF.1.

## II. Method of Collection

The Census Bureau uses its field representatives to collect the data. The field representatives conduct interviews to obtain data.

## III. Data

*OMB Number:* 0607-0110.

*Form Number:* SOC-QI/SF.1 and SOC-QI/MF.1.

*Type of Review:* Regular Review.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households, business or other for-profit institutions.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 8,667.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* 1.08.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 9,395.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost:* The estimated cost to the respondent is \$222,560 based on the average hourly pay for respondent to be \$23.69.\*

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

*Legal Authority:* Title 13, United States Code, Section 182.

## IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: February 8, 2000.

**Linda Engelmeier,**

*Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Economics and Statistics Administration

#### Customer Satisfaction Survey

**ACTION:** Proposed collection; comments request.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on a proposed information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13, 4 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A).

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before April 17, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5027, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230. (or via e-mail at LEngelme@doc.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Bob Wendling, STAT-USA, Department of Commerce, 14th & Constitution Avenue, NW, Room 4886, Washington, DC 20230.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Abstract

This information collection is necessary to help STAT-USA fulfill its mission of disseminating economic and statistical information to the business community and individual users. STAT-USA plans to survey its current customer base annually with a 25-question Customer Satisfaction Survey. STAT-USA plans to use a number of survey formats including mail, fax, on-line, and paper in order to ensure a high response rate. STAT-USA believes that regular communication with its customers, specifically feedback from the survey, will enable it to deliver its goods and services in the most user-friendly, economical and efficient manner. Only by knowing its customer base and its needs can STAT-USA continue to deliver the highest quality

of collected economic and statistical information.

## II. Method of Collection

Primarily through the mail. Other vehicles may include fax and on-line through the Internet. Respondents would mail or fax surveys back to STAT-USA. An on-line survey could be in place on the World Wide Web allowing respondents to complete the survey and "submit" it to the STAT-USA server.

## III. Data

*OMB Number:* None.

*Form Number:* None.

*Type of Review:* Initial collection.

*Affected Public:* Businesses and individual data users.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 4,000.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* 12 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 800.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost:* \$10,000.

## IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden including hours and cost of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. The Department particularly welcomes comments on the burden estimates to comply with the requirements, as well as the costs associated with it. Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they will also become a matter of public record.

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\* Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Employment Statistics Survey for 1997.